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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

MING ZHENG ET. AL.

CASE NO.: CL2221USNA

APPLICATION NO.: 10/716346

CONFIRMATION NO.: 7632

GROUP ART UNIT: 1634

EXAMINER: FORMAN, BJ

FILED: NOVEMBER 18, 2003

FOR: DISPERSION OF CARBON NANOTUBES BY NUCLEIC ACIDS

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents  
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Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Advisory Action dated 8.31.2005 and accompanies a Request for Continuing Examination.

Claims 1-27 are in the case. Claims 1-20 are withdrawn. Claims 21-27 are under presently consideration in the case. The examiner has found that the amendments to the claims in the response filed 8.12.2005 have raised new issues and do not place the claims in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the response of 8.12.2005 has not been entered. By this reply Applicants respectfully request, in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.114, that the amendment filed on 8.12.2005 be entered and considered on the merits.

A listing of the claims as amended is attached hereto.